



Salem Athenæum News

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Letter from the President

Dear Members and Friends:

Our year at the Athenæum begins in May, and I am pleased to report to you for the first time as President of the Board of Trustees.

At our annual meeting, we marked the election and departure of trustees. Joining the Board are Abby Burns, Judy Kearney and Eric Hayes. Leaving the board are David Ashton, Francie King, and Mary Simpson.

Our past year under the leadership of President Francie King was remarkable:

Eleven Lectures and Readings; Eight Salons; Five Parties; Four Exhibits; Three Courses; Two Festivals; and One Published Book. The building hosted language classes, writing workshops, and civic meetings. We were part of the Christmas in Salem Tour. We have launched a major effort for conservation of our Collection, developed a new logo, and expanded our garden.

The above list is not all-inclusive, but is indicative of the hum of activity that lurks behind the quiet façade of The Salem Athenæum.

As we look forward to the coming year, we begin with our Friday evening salons in the garden in July and August. The topics are wide-ranging, the setting informal, and the insights gained are priceless.

In June, we took a major first step toward conserving the books in our collection, with a very successful Conservation Night. This summer, behind the scenes, work will continue on implementing the program, and planning

**If you
have not
visited the**

Athenæum
lately, we
encourage
you to stop
by for the
cool, dry air
--and books
of course!

Thank you for the
air conditioner,
Dick & Pam
Jendrysik!!!

These four books
need partial
sponsorship.
Please help.



A History of King Philip's War



The World in Miniature or Entertaining Traveller, vol. II

for next year's Conservation Night.

Our subscribers list is growing, and our visitations are at an all-time high. Everybody comes because they want to peruse the collection, broaden their intellectual horizon, or simply, to enjoy the ambiance offered by one of the oldest membership libraries in the country.

I urge you to visit this website often, to keep abreast of our offerings.

Richard S. Jendrysik
President, Board of Trustees
The Salem Athenæum

P.S. The letters for renewal of subscriptions and proprietors dues were sent in June. We appreciate your prompt attention.

First Conservation Night: A Great Success!

The Athenæum's first-ever Conservation Night, held June 5, was an unmitigated success! It also proved, said library director Jean Marie Procius, that the library's patrons are enthusiastic and supportive of the library's efforts to preserve its historic collection.



The evening featured a presentation by book conservator Marie Oedel on book conservation and an examination of each book to be preserved. She explained what was required for each of the 20 volumes selected for the project, which has become known as the Adopt-a-Book program. The work will range from building protective boxes to complete rebinding. Director Procius described each book's importance to the library's collection.

Of the 50 attendees, the evening produced a list of 35 members and friends of the Athenæum who will sponsor 12 books for conservation and preservation--some by taking on the full cost of the work of their chosen book and others through individual shares. Four of the books were fully sponsored by individuals, and eight were jointly sponsored.

Four books on offer received partial pledges towards their conservation, and these are now the focus of the conservation planning team led by Trustees Stephen Clark and Donna Seger, managers of the Adopt-a-Book program.

The four books still in need of additional partial sponsorship include:

- *A History of King Philip's War* (Church, 1827)
2 shares of \$205 pledged; 2 shares of \$205 each available.
This early history is a rare book that must be conserved to survive.
- *The World in Miniature or Entertaining Traveller Giving an Account of*



Travels in Turkey



Resurrection

Every Thing Necessary and Curious in Two Volumes (Vol. 2)
A full sponsorship of \$600 or 2 shares of \$300 each available.
 The cost to conserve Volume 1 has been pledged. It is particularly important that sponsors for Volume 2 be found since conservation work for both volumes should be done at the same time.

- *Travels in Turkey, Asia Minor, Syria and Across the Desert into Egypt During the Years 1799, 1800 and 1801* (Wittman, London, 1803)
2 shares of \$175 pledged; 2 shares of \$175 each available. This rare book, with its fine illustrations, needs two more sponsors.
- *Resurrection* (Tolstoy, New York, 1900)
1 share of \$250 pledged; 1 share of \$250 available. This first edition needs one more sponsor.

Work on the sponsored books gets underway this summer. The finished books will be displayed during the library's second Conservation Night in June 2013, at which time a new list of treasured historic books from the Athenæum collection will be available for preservation.

All book sponsors will be permanently recognized in their chosen book by a bookplate designed by Salem artist and Athenæum Proprietor Julie Lutts.

If you'd like to co-sponsor one of the four remaining volumes, email [Jean Marie Precious](#) or call 978-744-2540. Donations in any amount will gratefully be accepted.

Summer Salon Series

Our summer tradition of Friday evenings on the back porch continues! All events begin at 5:30 and meet outdoors, weather permitting. For more details, please visit [our website](#).



July

A Pilgrim's Trek Across Northern Spain with Webster Bull
 Friday, July 20, 5:30 p.m.

Global Trends and Signs of Hope: A Discussion led by Carlotta Tyler
 Friday, July 27, 5:30 p.m.

August

British Public Records at the Athenæum with Tara Dixon
 Friday, August 3, 5:30 p.m.

Tips and Tricks for Winning at Scrabble with Tim Lutts
 Friday, August 10, 5:30 p.m.

Urban Bee Keeping with Perry McIntosh
 Friday, August 17, 5:30 p.m.

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Mr. and Mrs. Eric Hayes

Journaling for the Open Road with Linda Jenkins
Friday, August 24, 5:30 p.m.

Introducing Our New Trustees

At the Annual Meeting on May 2, Salem Athenæum proprietors approved the appointment of three new members to the Board of Trustees: Abby Burns, Eric Hayes, and Judy Kearney. All three have broad range of talents to sustain us as a vital and thriving institution.

We also bid a fond farewell to retiring trustees David Ashton, Mary Whitney and President Francie King.

Abby Burns

Abby's involvement in the Athenæum goes back many years. She has lived near the Athenæum for 50 years, and been a member since 1961 with her husband, Jere Burns. Jere served as a President of the Athenæum.



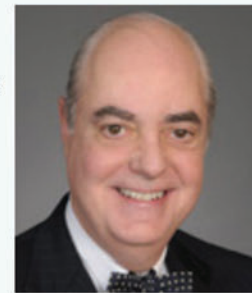
An avid gardener, Abby has been involved in maintaining the Athenæum gardens for many years.

Abby is serving on the education committee and will help plan social events.

Eric Hayes

Eric and his wife Dorothy became interested in the Athenæum when they moved to Salem. They love the building, its programs, and of course, the books.

They both enjoy historic preservation and restored a house in Beverly Farms built in 1712. They are currently restoring the James Putnam house, built in 1872, on the corner of Essex and Cambridge streets.



A counsel in Goodwin Procter's Trusts & Estate Planning Practice, Eric has over 30 years' experience working at banks. Prior to Goodwin Procter, he was the Regional Managing Director of Wells Fargo Private Bank in Boston. In 2000, he was the recipient of the Boston Estate Planning Council's Estate Planner of the Year Award.

Eric is serving as chair of the finance committee. His goal as a trustee is to be a good steward and to ensure the Athenæum's role as a vibrant part of the community.

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Judy Kearney

An active member of the Athenæum for many years,

Judy has jumped into her new role as Trustee with great enthusiasm. Already she has chaired this year's Garden Party and the current Summer Salon series!

Although she has lived in Salem for 40 years and raised a son and a daughter with her husband Jim, when she was 20, she wanted to see the world, and see she did! She worked in customer service for United Airlines and TWA on domestic and international flights for 15 years.

Judy and Jim have enjoyed being Athenæum members and all that membership has to offer: an exceptional book collection, social events and educational programs.

Judy is serving as membership chair and may be found perfecting her game with the Scrabble Club on Thursday evenings.



Thank You to Our Generous Donors!

The Athenæum is grateful beyond measure to its members and friends for their generous support. Your donations make our events and programs possible and keep this institution standing--sometimes literally--as the emergency replacement of the front stairs in 2011 demonstrated.

See the list of 2011 fiscal-year donors in the left sidebar. We cannot thank you enough!



Clockwork Repairs in Motion

The next time you visit the Athenæum, you may notice something missing in the foyer: The grandfather clock is out for repairs! Due to our success at the Clockwork and Cocktails fundraiser in March, we raised the funds to get it fixed!

Lester Tyralla, professional restorer of clock and barometer movements, collected the clock in June and will be returning it to us in working order by September. Based in Quincy, Tyralla has a distinguished career in clock and barometer restoration and preservation. His affiliations include: National Association of Watch and Clock Collectors, British Clockmakers Guild, and Clock and Instrument Keeper for Nantucket Lightship.



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Tyrara restored the banjo clock in our Reading Room two years ago, and we are delighted he is available to repair our grandfather clock.

Thanks again to all who participated in Clockwork and Cocktails. Without your help, this repair would not be possible!

Save the Date!

Septemberfest

Saturday, September 30, 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.

Join us for a casual fundraiser in the garden. Stay tuned for details.

Members \$25 in advance, non-members \$30.
 Tickets at the door, \$30.



Fall Course The Timeless and Inimitable Charles Dickens

Dorothy Dudley, instructor
 Saturdays from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m.
 Sept. 22, 29; Oct 6, 13, 20, 27; Nov. 3, 10

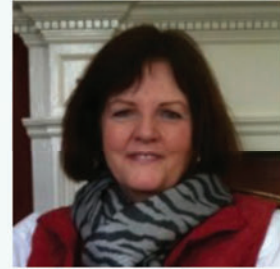
As part of the bicentenary celebration of Charles Dickens' birth, the Salem Athenæum presents an in-depth look at the life and work this most-beloved 19th-century British writer. This 8-week course, designed and conducted by Dorothy Dudley, will extend our experience beyond Dickens' genius as storyteller and emphasize his cognizance of contemporary social issues and the rising anxiety of a nation in the throes of radical change.

We trace Dickens' maturation with the nearly autobiographical *David Copperfield*, a masterful mix of humor and pathos. Then, we turn to two of his less well-known works: *Hard Times* and *A Tale of Two Cities*.

Hard Times takes satirical aim at social concerns including: the effect of Utilitarian philosophy on child-rearing; industrialization; labor unions; the rise of the middle class. *A Tale of Two Cities*, considered by many to be the least "Dickensian" novel, recalls the tensions and anxieties of the French Revolution. (Dr. Sue Schopf has agreed to supplement this novel with background material on the French Revolution.) Written in 1859, when Dickens' enormous professional success was threatened by a tumultuous revolution in his personal life, *A Tale of Two Cities* depicts the conflicts in Dickens' life and in Victorian England. In both cases, "It was the best of times, it was the worst of times. . ."

Opportunities to view the film versions of *David Copperfield* and *A Tale of Two Cities* will also be offered after two of the class meetings.

Dorothy Dudley has taught English and American literature at Tufts University for the past ten years. In addition to teaching, she has also led her students on five "literary pilgrimages" to the UK and



Spain, following in the footsteps of authors including: the Brontës, Jane Austen, Thomas Hardy, Hemingway, Orwell, and Shakespeare. Dorothy is an avid Dickens scholar and a member of the International Dickens Fellowship.

Members \$185, non-members \$205.

[Register here](#)

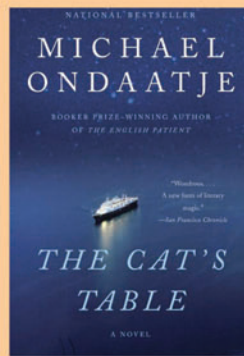
Book Group

Choice of meetings:

Second Wednesdays at 12:30 or 7:00 p.m.

Second Saturdays at 10:00 a.m.

The Athenæum book group offers members a chance to discuss, debate, and grow together as book lovers. The reading list will include both fiction and non-fiction. Each month's title will be selected by popular vote.



August

The Cat's Table

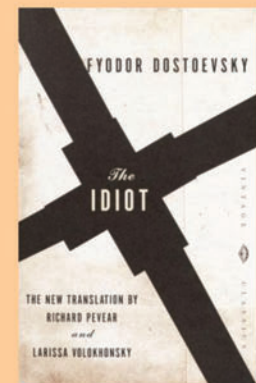
by Michael Ondaatje

September

The Idiot

by Fyodor Dostoevsky

Translation by Richard Pevear and Larissa Volokhonsky



The topic for the October book will be Mystery. Please send in your suggestions by August 1.

[Contact Jean Marie](#) if you are interested in joining.

Rebel Shakespeare Presents *The Tempest*

Wednesday, August 22, 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.

The Rebel Shakespeare Company returns to the Athenæum garden for their annual summer performance.

Please bring your own picnic, lawn chair or blankets. For more details, please visit www.rebelshakespeare.org.



Annual Book Sale

Member's Preview: Friday, September 14, 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.

Book Sale: Saturday, September 15, 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Sunday, September 16, 12:00 to 2:00 p.m.

Given the remarkable success of last year's Member's Preview, we are having another to kick off our Annual Book Sale!

Members, plus one guest, have the opportunity to attend the book sale on Friday night, before it opens to the public on Saturday morning.

Please Note: The Athenæum is still accepting donations for the annual book sale. Take a break from the summer heat and check your book shelves for potential donations. Please deliver donations to the Athenæum during normal open hours.

Recent Events

The following highlights recent noteworthy events at the Athenæum.

Annual Members Garden Party

The threat of rain did not discourage us from kicking off the summer season on June 3. On the contrary, many Athenæum members and friends arrived in their best straw hats in honor of the occasion! We hosted indoors in case the rains became too heavy, but many people took a step around the garden nonetheless. Thank you all for coming!





Also at the Athenæum

The following events are not sponsored by the Salem Athenæum. Due to their cultural focus, they are occurring at the Athenæum and may be of interest to members.

Dickens Fellowship

Film: London by Dickens--Boston Premiere!

Saturday, July 21, 2:00 - 5:00 PM

Three short films will be presented by Fred Guida of Branford, CT, a scholar who specializes in Dickens Adaptations. He is the author of *A Christmas Carol and Its Adaptations*.

The Chimes

Clay animation narrated by Derek Jacobi. The only extant version of *The Chimes*. 25 mins.

London by Dickens

Starring a very young Alan Bates as "Boz." Virtually unseen since 1958, this is a major rediscovery! Showing for the first time in the USA! 25 mins.

Any Friend of Nicholas Nickleby is a Friend of Mine

Based on a story by Ray Bradbury and starring Fred Gwynne as a wanna-be Dickens! 50 mins.

Regular literary discussion meetings on the following Thursdays:

July 26 *The Haunted Man*
Aug. 23 Movie featuring Simon Callow as Dickens.
Sept. 6 *Martin Chuzzlewit*, Chs. 1-13
Oct. 4 *Martin Chuzzlewit*, Chs. 14-29

For details on all events, visit [Dickens North of Boston](http://DickensNorthofBoston.org).

CSEM Concert

Saturday, September 29, 8:00 p.m.

For tickets and information, call
617-489-2062 or visit www.csem.org.



Members and seniors, \$25; non-members, \$30.
Free for students 17 and under.

Welcome!

We would like to extend a warm welcome
to the following new members:

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